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**CONGRESS AND SOUTH AMERICAN COMMERCE.**

The subject of commercial expansion to the south of us is one that appeals with peculiar force to the imagination of the average man in Congress. It is one which is apt to make him burn the midnight oil in the chase after facts and figures, and to scatter them broadcast, when secured, with a liberal and lavish display of oratorical fireworks designed to arouse the interest of mere business men.

Yet an opportunity to serve in a practical way the extension of our South American commerce is being completely ignored by these ardent advocates of a greater commerce.

We are tempted to make this statement in view of the fact that the Argentine Republic and Chile are both preparing to commemorate this year the centennial of their independence by exhibitions in Buenos Ayres and Santiago, and that Congress, within two months of the opening of the exposition at Buenos Ayres has accomplished nothing looking to a proper representation of our Government on those occasions.

In his annual message the President recommended to Congress participation in these exhibitions, and asked for a suitable appropriation. The answer of the House was to ignore the request altogether. The Senate, after much delay, has finally inserted in the urgent deficiency bill an item appropriating the wholly inadequate sum of \$75,000 for both exhibitions, \$50,000 of which, it is assumed, will go to the Argentine and the balance to Chile. We say inadequate because of the important position occupied by the Argentine Republic in the family of nations.

**SUEMIT PEARY'S PROMOTION TO THE HOUSE.**

Objection is made to the bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Hale and passed by that body creating Robert E. Peary a rear admiral. The bill, if passed in the House, would make Peary a line officer.

Secretary Meyer in his letter to the House Committee on Naval Affairs makes reference to this objection, and suggests that the Arctic explorer be retired as a civil engineer with the rank of rear admiral.

There is no reason in the world why an agreement cannot be reached on these propositions. Peary's friends, so far as known, are not insistent that he be retired as a line officer. They have not offered any objection to the suggestion of Secretary Meyer, and undoubtedly would be glad to have the Secretary's suggestion adopted as an amendment to the Hale bill.

It is not difficult to dispose of the criticisms that Peary's training has not been of a nature to permit him exercising the duties of the rank of rear admiral. Objection to the legislation on that ground is far wide of the question at issue. In the first place Peary would go on the retired list immediately upon his promotion. In the second place Congress would not be establishing a precedent in giving the rank of rear admiral to a man without a naval training.

He is far less capable of commanding a ship than Peary. Did any one raise the cry at the time Rousseau was created a rear admiral that he was incapable of exercising the duties of that rank? We have no recollection of any such objection.

The question of whether Peary shall be made a rear admiral no longer rests with the Secretary of the Navy. It is up to the House Committee on Naval Affairs. If it sees fit that committee can strangle the legislation in its committee room. It would seem that the members of a committee of such great importance would be too broadminded to allow personal prejudices to influence their action on legislation of this kind.

Mr. Roberts, for instance, has as much right to the opinion that Peary is not deserving of promotion—although we do not agree with him—as Mr. Allen has to his opinion that Congress should pass his bill making Peary a rear admiral.

There are no insurmountable obstacles in the present situation. There is no reason why the Naval Committee should kill this legislation in its committee room. There is, on the other hand, every reason why the House should have an opportunity to express its opinion on the bill passed by the Senate. Mr. Peary has opponents throughout the land, just as he has admirers. The representatives of all are in the House of Representatives. A subcommittee of five members does not reflect the sentiment of the country.

**SPEAKER CANNON IN DEFENSE OF THE RULES.**

Speaker Cannon was moved to take the floor when the rivers and harbors bill came up in the House, and speak out in defense of the existing rules. It was a significant speech. Mr. Cannon proceeded to pay his respects to the newspapers and magazines which have been attacking him, though he did it in what seemed to be good temper. And in what he said to his colleagues there was a distinct plea that it would be unwise and ill-advised to change materially the rules, "the product of the experience of 120 years."

Mr. Cannon's speech will attract notice not so much from what it contained as from the fact that he felt it necessary to take the floor and defend the rules. It cannot be supposed that Mr. Cannon is defending the rules in the midst of a discussion of rivers and harbors unless he believes that the movement to force changes in the rules has become formidable.

That it has become powerful and is steadily gaining strength there are many reasons to believe. The signs are abundant that the American people are bent on so changing the rules of the House that one man will not have an overmastering control of its business, will not have inordinate power, will not be in position to dispense rewards and punishments. The time for that sort of thing is nearing its end, and that without regard to the personality of Mr. Cannon or any other man who may be Speaker.

Just now there is a disposition in some quarters, especially among the House members who have intolerantly fought any liberalizing of the rules, to assert that the adoption of calendar Wednesday and such changes as have been made already are hindering business. Little warrant for these assertions can be found. If the committees charged with the handling of bills will bring them forth to the floor, the business of the House will proceed with all due orderliness and dispatch. If the House has not acted on railroad legislation, on postal savings, and matters of equal moment, it is because the committees are taking their time or for reasons apart from the rules.

**MEET EVERY DEMAND FOR THE AVIATION MEET.**

The aviation meet must be held here. Such objections as have been raised can be overcome. The committee showing facilities to Courtland Field Bishop, president of the Aero Club, should impress upon him the ability and intention of Washington to clear every difficulty from the way. The transportation problem is the first to be attended to. Mr. Bishop suggests that our local promoters do not realize the size of the crowds which this great event would draw to the Capital. The College Park site, regarded as the best available, is reached only by one steam railroad and one electric line. The railroad officials should demonstrate the extent of their ability to carry a large traffic expeditiously.

Mr. Bishop should know, on the other hand, that a large proportion of the visiting and local spectators will have motors, and that other road vehicles can be supplied, from big sight-seeing cars to small runabouts, from stage coaches and omnibuses to single buggies.

The meet at Rheims demonstrated that many of those in attendance did not hesitate at expense.

Washington, used to immense throngs, has hotel and other lodgings in abundance. There is no unusual problem to be solved in the matter of providing grandstands or "tribunes."

threat that no meet at all can be held in this country. If the Wrights should succeed in enjoining all heavier-than-air machines from competing, as infringers on their own patent, of course there would be nothing doing. The Wrights, however, are not going to injure their own popularity by any such policy. Contests open to all the aviators of the world are essential, if the science of flight is to be perfected.

**HARD SLEDDING FOR PROPOSED ALASKAN LEGISLATION.**

The Senate discussion thus far of the bill to change the form of government of Alaska, putting the Territory in charge of a governor and legislative council, indicates that that bill will have hard sledding. The discussion of this bill has not gone into many phases of the questions involved, but it has developed decided opposition. Senator Borah in the early discussion of the measure referred to the fact that it was proposed to create a "peculiar and extraordinary legislative body" to take practical legislative control of Alaska. "We are engaged here in creating a scheme and form of government which has never been tried under an American system, except once, and then it went down in sixty days of its own weight."

Senator Borah was of the opinion the plan was dangerous, and said it was impossible for the President to appoint a legislative council "without getting information from a source which is liable not to suggest the best kind of legislative council."

Further than this, Senator Borah declared he knew that 90 per cent of the people of Alaska were trying to prevent this legislation, but no more attention was paid to them than if they were aliens.

It will be the part of wisdom for Congress to go about this proposed change with the greatest deliberation. Already there is a well-defined fear in many quarters that great interests are in it, that which will be to their advantage. Alaska is one of the world's richest prizes, and Congress will do well to see that its vast mineral wealth is so safeguarded as to benefit the greatest number. The proposed Alaska government bill is arousing a storm of criticism, and Congress cannot afford to overlook it.

With Gaylor sleuthing around, the New York policeman's lot is "not a happy one." Finding out one police abuse made Gaylor mayor, with prospects of a better lot.

That Englishman who says one-fourth of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were scoundrels remembers how signally England failed to punish them.

Washington is an ideal place for the aviation meet. Think of the politicians who are up in the air here now.

Speaker Cannon's remarks about the newspapers indicate that he knows what they've been saying about him.

Dr. Cook's refusal to be interviewed shows that he has at last decided nobody believes what he says.

The New York scientists now say John Early is a "probable leper," thus establishing a new disease.

Mr. Glavis may not know how to keep his own counsel, but he evidently knows how to act it.

Ferdinand Finney Earle has let his hair grow long. Perhaps he wants to hide his ears.

The insurgents seem to have lost their yeast cake. They have no more uprisings.

Where is Gilbooley? T. F. Ryan would give something pretty for tidings of his agent.

The Grouchok, bowing to Willis L. Moore: "Professor my card."

"Snowstorm," a socialist drama, was a "frost" in New York.

Roberts of Massachusetts is not a hero worshiper.

The wages of sin in Albany—\$1,000.

**What's on the Program Tonight in Washington**

National Press Club—Ten-minute addresses by prominent speakers, 9 p. m. Address by Thomas Nelson Page before the Men's Club of Christ Church, Georgetown, Potomac Hall, Wisconsin avenue and M streets, 8 p. m. Anthropological Society of Washington, University Building, Fifteenth and H streets northwest, 8 p. m.; council meeting, Cosmos Club, 7:30 p. m. Address by Commissioner Elijah Cadman, Salvation Army Headquarters, 590 Pennsylvania Avenue. Address by Dr. C. E. Wimbler, "Automatic," 1721 Fairmont street northwest, 8 p. m. Concert by European Quartet at Wesley Methodist Church, Fifth and F streets.

**Theaters.**  
National—Richard Carle, in "Mary's Lamb," 8:15 p. m.  
Belasco—Frances Starr, in "The Eastest Way," 8:20 p. m.  
Columbia—Theodore Roberts, in "The Barrier," 8:15 p. m.  
Chase—Polite vaudeville, 8:15 p. m.  
Academy—Thomas E. Shea, in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," 8:15 p. m.  
Casino—Continuous vaudeville and motion pictures.  
Gayety—"Jardin de Paris," 8:15 p. m.  
Lyceum—"Mc," New York, Jr., 8:15 p. m.  
Majestic—Motion pictures and vaudeville, 7 to 11 p. m.  
Masonic Auditorium—Motion pictures and vaudeville, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.  
The Arcade, Fourteenth street and Park Road—Midway and other attractions, 8 to 11 p. m.  
(The Times will be pleased to announce meetings and entertainments in this column. Phone or write announcements.)

**In the Mail Bag**

The Times will accept for publication in its Mail Bag columns, short, vigorous letters on questions of public interest. It cannot undertake to publish letters exceeding 250 words, and reserves the right rigidly to condense communications which are of greater length. Letters must contain the name and address of the writer, but these will not be published if request to that effect is made.

**JUSTICE FOR DAIRYMEN.**

To the Editor of The Washington Times: It seems that the dairymen of dairy farms in the District of Columbia have become very prominent before the eyes of the public within the last three months by the action of the Secretary of Agriculture, statements of the District Health officer and criticism of other individuals. It is also noticed that not one word of good and welfare for the dairymen has been uttered. The dairymen are pictured as being a lawless element, knowingly dealing in diseased cattle and furnishing bad milk to the public and thereby spreading tuberculosis and other diseases, thus endangering the lives of the people. It is wrong and unjust to accuse the dairymen of not having the health of their customers at heart. During the last ten years all dairymen delivering milk in the District of Columbia have lived up to the laws governing the dairy farm and the sale of milk, regulated by the Commissioner. Inspectors visit the dairy farms about once every month and no diseased cow is knowingly allowed to remain in a herd over ten days under penalty of a fine. The dairy permit from its owner. The Secretary of Agriculture has stated that he intended to exterminate all the diseased cattle in the District of Columbia. He has certainly succeeded in destroying a great many so-called diseased cows and also probably a few healthy ones, regardless of the loss sustained by the dairymen of the District of Columbia. But how about the dairies of Maryland and Virginia, from where nine-tenths of the milk used in the District of Columbia is shipped. Are they molested by the Secretary of Agriculture and his extraordinary tuberculosis test of their cattle? Oh, no, they are not. They are not molested by the loss of the District dairymen. The milk consumed in the city of Washington is just as good and wholesome as the milk of cows began in the District, but not one bit better. How about the dairies of Maryland and Virginia, from where nine-tenths of the milk used in the District of Columbia is shipped. Are they molested by the Secretary of Agriculture and his extraordinary tuberculosis test of their cattle? Oh, no, they are not. They are not molested by the loss of the District dairymen. The milk consumed in the city of Washington is just as good and wholesome as the milk of cows began in the District, but not one bit better. How about the dairies of Maryland and Virginia, from where nine-tenths of the milk used in the District of Columbia is shipped. Are they molested by the Secretary of Agriculture and his extraordinary tuberculosis test of their cattle? Oh, no, they are not. They are not molested by the loss of the District dairymen. The milk consumed in the city of Washington is just as good and wholesome as the milk of cows began in the District, but not one bit better.

Miss Mary McCauley will leave Washington Friday for South Orange, N. J., where she will be the guest of Miss Whitner for several weeks.

Miss Mary Cheney has cards out for a bridge party tomorrow afternoon.

In the audience which attended the dances of Ruth St. Denis at the New National Theater yesterday afternoon were Mrs. Taft, accompanied by her house guests, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. J. T. Mann and Miss Hickey, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Legare, Col. Archibald Hopkings and Miss Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Belmont, Mrs. Barney, Mrs. Morgan Hill, the Misses Patten, Miss Janet Elsh, Mrs. Henry L. West, Miss West, Mr. and Mrs. Criville, Mrs. Vernon West, Miss Paulding, Mrs. Walter McLean, Mrs. William Barret Ridgely, Mrs. Crumwell, Mrs. W. J. Southern, Miss Mary Southern, Mrs. James McCallum, Miss Bidle, Miss Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Walcott, Miss Helen Carroll, the Misses Williams, Miss Appleton, Miss Britton, C. R. Simpkins, and the Princess Kalmalaie.

Mrs. James W. Orme entertained at a St. Valentine luncheon yesterday in honor of Miss Grace Pennington of Maryland. Invited to meet Miss Pennington were Mrs. J. C. Evans, Mrs. R. B. Emerson, Mrs. Allen Pennington, Mrs. J. N. Popp, Mrs. James W. Orme, Mr. John M. Heupel, Mrs. Edwin Pillsbury, Mrs. Frederick Heupel, Mrs. Joseph Hayden, Mrs. Guy Corbett and Miss Grace Tyson.

**Capital Tales**

**GENERAL MILES AND INDIANS**

That was a sight worth seeing in the White House the other day when General Nelson A. Miles happened along just when a body of Sioux Indian chiefs was waiting to see the President. They knew Miles and there was an exchange of greetings that was cordial, even affectionate. After talking a while, partly through an interpreter, partly in Indian language, as Miles knows the Sioux tongue to some extent, he asked the old chief at the head of the party: "Where's Hump?" meaning a leading Sioux chief. "Ta," said the chief in deep guttural tones, pointing his finger upward. "Where's John Grass?" "Ta," again said the chief, again pointing upward. "Ta," said Miles. The chief nodded. "Ta" is the Sioux word for dead.

**HENRY FOR CONSTITUENCY.**

Representative "Bob" Henry of Texas is a great believer in that all necessary political attachment known as a constituency. At times, therefore, Henry is liable to size up a man pretty much with the constituency yard stick. If he is a constituent of Henry's, everything is a little right. Listen to this story they tell bearing out this Henry habit:

Last December Mr. Henry was returning from Washington to Texas—thought he might as well spend the recess at home. Mr. Henry occupied the back seat in the Pullman, and just behind him was one of those meddlesome little fellows who come through slammied the door back and it stayed open, much to Mr. Henry's discomfort. The Texas Representative merely arose and closed the door several times. Then he began to get mad. Finally he strode through the door and the bulky individual who gave it the hardest push of all. Again it stayed open. Henry could stand it no longer. "Say," he demanded, "didn't you see me shut that door? Now you go back and close it."

"You go to the —," said the stranger. Henry looked him over. "I won't do any such thing. You don't belong in my district," snapped Henry. It isn't related who closed the door.

**Miss Grace Adrienne Kirkman Bride Of Charles Raymond Wentz Today**

**Quiet Wedding Celebrated at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church.**

**Miss Ethel Kirkman, Cousin of Bride, Acts as Maid of Honor.**

The marriage of Miss Grace Adrienne Kirkman, daughter of Col. and Mrs. J. T. Kirkman, U. S. A., to Charles Raymond Wentz took place this morning at 11:30 o'clock in St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. Only a small family gathering attended the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. C. Ernest Smith, rector of the church.

Miss Ethel Kirkman, a cousin of the bride, of Evanston, Ill., was the maid of honor, and Charles Aliden was best man for Mr. Wentz. Colonel Kirkman gave his daughter in marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Wentz left Washington immediately after the ceremony for their bridal trip. After March 1 they will reside at 1419 Columbia road.

Mme. Gude, wife of the minister of Norway, has left for a tea Friday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock.

The German Ambassador and Countess von Bernstorff and the Minister of Argentina and Mme. Portela were among those dining at the St. Regis in New York last night.

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**Attorney General**

**Host at Dinner Party.**

The Attorney General was host at a dinner party last evening, when his guests included the official staff of the Department of Justice. His guests were the Solicitor General, Wade Ellis, and John G. Thompson, James A. Sawyer, William Wallace Brown, John Q. Thompson, William R. Harr, Russell P. Goodwin, and Oscar Lawler, all assistant attorneys general; Maurice D. O'Connell, Fletcher Maddox, Charles East, Ernest W. Knaebel, James A. Finch, Reeves T. Strickland, Robert V. Laddow, Stanley W. Finch, John J. Field, Frank Cole, Robert Howard and W. T. Denison of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Becker entertained at dinner last evening the American Minister to Denmark and Mrs. East, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and Mrs. Walcott, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Hopkings, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Moss, Miss Scidmore, and Lieutenant Colonel Tanaka.

Miss Cannon, daughter of the Speaker of the House, entertained a luncheon company at her residence in Vermont avenue.

The Chinese Minister and Mme. Chang were the guests in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hendon, who entertained a party at dinner last evening. The other guests were the Norwegian Minister and Mme. Gude, the Danish Minister and the Countess Moltke, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chang, the Chinese Minister, the Misses Gude, Lieutenant Gude and Mr. Skysbok.

**"At Home" Calendar In Washington Society**

Mrs. J. C. Needham, 2833 Woodley place, will receive this afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles J. Tirrell, wife of Representative Tirrell, will receive this afternoon at the Portland.

Mrs. Ellis, wife of Representative Ellis, will not receive today, nor again until the first Tuesday in March.

Mrs. Hardy and Miss Hardy, wife and daughter of Representative Hardy, of Texas, will receive this afternoon and again on Tuesday, February 22, at 1821 Belmont street.

Mrs. Sheffield

To Hold Reception.

Mrs. William Paine Sheffield, wife of Representative Sheffield, will receive this afternoon at the Cochran from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Richard Bartholdt, wife of Representative Bartholdt, will receive this afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock at 1603 Euclid street.

Mrs. Roberts, wife of Representative Roberts, will be at home this afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Miss Mary E. McCeney will receive tomorrow afternoon at the Arlington from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles M. Campbell and Miss Campbell will be at home informally tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. A. D. Johnston and Mrs. C. J. Hagan will receive tomorrow afternoon.

**The Misses Calhoun**

**At Home Informally.**

The Misses Calhoun, 1440 Fairmont street, will be at home informally tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Woodbury Pulister will receive tomorrow afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at the Brunswick.

Mrs. McLaughlin and Miss McLaughlin will receive tomorrow afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock, assisted by their house guests, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. J. T. Mann, and Miss Hickey, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Legare, Col. Archibald Hopkings and Miss Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Belmont, Mrs. Barney, Mrs. Morgan Hill, the Misses Patten, Miss Janet Elsh, Mrs. Henry L. West, Miss West, Mr. and Mrs. Criville, Mrs. Vernon West, Miss Paulding, Mrs. Walter McLean, Mrs. William Barret Ridgely, Mrs. Crumwell, Mrs. W. J. Southern, Miss Mary Southern, Mrs. James McCallum, Miss Bidle, Miss Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Walcott, Miss Helen Carroll, the Misses Williams, Miss Appleton, Miss Britton, C. R. Simpkins, and the Princess Kalmalaie.

Mrs. John A. Moore, wife of Representative Moore of Texas, will receive this afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at the Shoreham.

Mrs. Knowland, wife of Representative Knowland of California, will receive this afternoon at the Highlands.

Mrs. W. A. Jones, wife of Representative Jones of Virginia, will be at home informally this afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock at 170 Q street.

Mrs. Barchfeld and Miss Barchfeld, of Pennsylvania, will receive this afternoon at the Dresden, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. N. D. Sweeney and Mrs. E. I. Frothingham, of the Buckingham, will receive informally today.

**Dinner Party Given By Mrs. W. W. Wilson**

Representative and Mrs. W. W. Wilson, of Illinois, were dinner hosts last evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall E. Holmes and Mrs. Robertson, of Chicago. Invited to meet the dinner guests were Representative and Mrs. Martin B. Madden, of Illinois; Representative and Mrs. James R. Mann, of Illinois; Representative and Mrs. George E. Foss, of Illinois; and Mrs. Townsend, of Michigan.

The President and Mrs. Taft occupied the Presidential box at the Columbia Theater last evening. They were accompanied by Mrs. Taft's sister, Mrs. Thomas K. Laughlin, and Capt. A. W. Butt.

Mrs. Sherman, wife of the Vice President, who spent a few days in Utica, N. Y., will return to Washington today.

**Hostess at Dinner.**

The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. MacVeagh were the guests in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Noyes entertained a party at dinner last evening. The additional guests were Secretary and Mrs. Newland, the former Ambassador to France, and Mrs. Henry White, the Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Huntington Wilson, and Mrs. Woodbury Blair, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gaff.

Mrs. John F. Dryden was hostess at a dinner last evening. Her guests were Mrs. E. B. Schifano, Mrs. Rena Fleishman, Miss Rita Bae, Miss Celeste Goodman, Miss Ernestine Rich, Miss Gladys Bloch, Miss Elsie Maudner, Miss Lillian Bernstein, Miss Carrie Robinson, Miss Selma Kahn, Miss Irene Einstein, Miss Edwin Herman, Miss Rena Sanger, Miss Sarah Koenigsburg, Miss Rose Frank, of Baltimore, Miss Miriam Epstein, of Frankfurt. The members of the club are Lester Marx, Alfred Haas, Alfred Stern, Morris Eberman, Meyer Simons, Malcolm Auerbach, Edwin Hahn, Roy King, Arthur and Lester Newman, Melvin and Stanley Fischer, Melvin Rich, Herbert Jacob, Milton Goldsmith, Herbert Jacob, Arthur Luchs, and Bernard and David Baer.

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Mrs. Miriam Mayer, of New York, who has been the guest of Miss Canille Herman, of Philadelphia, last night, left yesterday to visit friends in Philadelphia, before returning home.

Mrs. H. Cohen, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. P. Strauss, of New York City, has returned from a trip to Norfolk, Va. Mrs. Strauss is the wife of Mrs. Cohen's guest for several weeks.

**MEN WITH HOBBIES TO MAKE SPEECHES**

Cannon and Others to Be Guests of National Press Club Tonight.

"Hobby night" will be observed at the National Press Club this evening. A number of prominent men, each one of whom is known to have some great issue close to his heart, have consented to address the club on these hobbies. Among those who will address the newspaper men are Speaker Cannon, who will talk on "The Insurgents," Commander Peary, "Why is an Admiral?" Dr. Wiley, "Benzene as a Table Luxury," Gifford Pinchot, "The Price of Our Forests," Champ Clark and Senator La Follette.

Col. Henry Hall will preside with a watch in his hand to see that no one takes more than ten minutes to tell about his hobby.

**NEW HOME FOR D. A. R.**

Plans are being completed today by the local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution for entry into the Continental Hotel at some time in March. The subject was discussed at a committee meeting last night at the New Willard.

**Society Skating Club Meets at Light Infantry Armory.**

Mrs. John P. Story, Jr., and Countess Moltke Are Members.

The Society's recently organized roller skating club will meet for the second time this afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock at the rink at the Washington Light Infantry Armory.

There will be music throughout the afternoon, and tea will be served from 4:30 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. John P. Story, Jr., is chairman, and Countess Moltke, wife of the Danish minister, Viscountess d'Asy, wife of the French naval attaché, and Countess Luise Alexandra von Bernstorff, daughter of the German ambassador, the members of the club committee.

The first meeting, which was held last Friday, was a most successful affair and throughout the evening session, the bi-weekly meetings, Tuesday and Friday afternoons, promise to be the chief events of the week.

Membership of the club is somewhat limited including only the smartest of the younger married set in diplomatic, official and resident circles. A favored few of the debutantes of the last two seasons, and a number of the bachelors in diplomatic and official circles.

**Guests Play Bridge.**

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hutchinson were hosts at a dinner party followed by bridge last evening in their apartment in the Highlands. Covers were laid for sixteen.

Mr. and Mrs. George Howard were among those entertaining parties at dinner last evening.

Miss Maria Calve, daughter of the minister from Costa Rica, left Washington yesterday for New York and West Point to spend several weeks.

**Commander Hiraga Is Host at Dinner.**

The naval attaché of the Japanese embassy, Commander Hiraga, was host at a dinner party last evening. His guests were Captain Veeder, Captain Caperton, Captain Potts and Captain Mulligan, of the United States navy; Lieutenant Colonel Uryu, military attaché of the Spanish legation; Commander Marsh, U. S. N.; Commander Vassiliev, naval attaché of the Russian embassy; Lieutenant Colonel von Scharf, military attaché of the British embassy; Commander Retzmann, naval attaché of the German embassy; Baron Preuschen, naval attaché of the Austrian embassy; Lieutenant Commander Benoit d'Asy, naval attaché of the French embassy; Major Davila, military attaché of the Mexican embassy; Major von Livonius, military attaché of the German embassy; Lieutenant Commander, naval attaché of the Italian embassy; Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Matsui, counselor of the Japanese embassy; Mr. Hanthaus, Mr. Takahashi, and Mr. Osaki, of the embassy staff.

Lieutenant Gude of the Norwegian army, has joined the staff of the Minister of Norway, for a visit of several weeks.

The Hon. Mr. James, wife of the military attaché of the British embassy, will go to New York tomorrow with her sister, the Hon. Rachel Kay Shuttleworth, who will sail on Saturday for her home in England, after spending the winter in Washington with Colonel and Mrs. James.

The Spanish minister, the Marquis of Villalobar, and Prince de Ligne, secretary of the Belgian legation, will leave Washington February 22, for New York, where they will attend the wedding of Miss Marie Louise Logan, and Henri de Sincay of Belgium, the following day.

The Second Secretary of the British Embassy and Mrs. H. W. Kennard were the numerous dinner hosts of last night.

**Mrs. Elkins**

**Arranges Cotillion.**

Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins has arranged a cotillion for Monday evening, April 4, in honor of her debutante niece, Miss Katharine Brown.

The Octagon Pleasure Club gave a fancy dress masquerade ball last night at Dyer's Hall. The dress masquerade was a German. The favors were valentines.